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Here's a few appropriate gifts at

Appropriate Prices

BLACK DRESS SILKS, best and newest makes.
FANCY SHOT SURAHS in evening shades, in beautiful designs.
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FUR LINED AND TRIMMED CLOAKS, CAPES AND JACKETS.
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PROTECTION OF SHANGHAI

England and Russia Will Not Allow Shanghai to be Attacked.

Chinese Preparing to Further Fortify the Cities of Tientsin and Pekin.

London, Dec. 18. —It is understood that the agreement between England and Russia in regard to the war in the east does not permit any warlike operations in the vicinity of Shanghai. This includes the prohibition of a hostile fleet passing through the entrance to the Yangtsekiang river. Japan has recently threatened to disregard this agreement on the ground that the Shanghai arsenal is supplying China with arms, etc.

It is believed the third Japanese army at Hiroshima is destined for Nanking. The English and Russian governments have intimated that they would prevent this movement, and the recent assemblage of the British fleet at Ensan and the Russian fleet at Chefoo is thus accounted for. It is understood that England and Russia have decided to fight if necessary to prevent hostilities on the Yangtsekiang.

A Tokio dispatch says Japanese Lieut.-General Katsira captured Hai Chen on December 13th. The Chinese garrison numbered five thousand, while the Japanese numbered only 1500. The Chinese retreated towards Liao Yang. The losses were trifling.

A Chefoo dispatch says great uneasiness continues among the residents of that place, who fear outrages at the hands of the Chinese soldiers. Four foreign warships are now at Chefoo. The nephew of Col. von Hanneken has left Shanghai to take command of the Chinese troops at Tientsin. A French engineer is constructing forts at Pekin. The remainder of the Chinese trade ports have been turned over to the protection of the British flag.

Doll and Toy Exhibition.

Tenth annual exhibition of toys and Xmas gifts at Russell & McDonald's, opposite the iron church, Douglas street. Every lady welcome whether purchasing or not. It is a free show: take the little ones to see it.

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An Elegant Line In Cut Glass Bottles

Watch for our display.

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Auctioneer.

New Advertisements continued on Page 8.

THE MISSING COASTERS

Neither the Montserrat Nor the Keweena Have Arrived at 'Frisco.

Tugs and Revenue Cutters Start Out to Search for Them.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—That the steamers Montserrat and Keweenaw have been lost at sea with all on board is now considered almost a certainty. The Montserrat is from Nanaimo and the Keewenaw from Comox, both seven days overdue at this port. For several days tugs and coasting steamers along the northern coast have kept a sharp lookout but no tidings of either have been received. The prevailing opinion is that they were almost together in the terrible gale that raged off Cape Flattery the night they put to sea. The Montserrat, Captain Blackburn, carried a crew of twenty men, and the Keewenaw, Captain Jenkins, carried thirty men. Anxiety is also felt for the barks Germania and Columbia, which have been out 15 and 13 days respectively from Port Blakeley. From reports received to-day it is positively known that at least four vessels were wrecked during the gale. The British ship Scottish Dales was dismantled off Cape Flattery but picked up and towed into Port Townsend. The bark John Wooster was lost off Gray's Harbor on the Washington coast. The schooner Garcia was wrecked off the Tillamook rock. The crew of six men is still missing. The schooner W. T. Beebe was wrecked in the breakers in attempting to cross the San Francisco bar. All the steamers and sailing crafts that have reached port since the storm report terrible experiences in the gale which prevailed all along the coast north of San Francisco.

Captain D. O. Blackburn of the Montserrat had a habit of loading his vessel unusually deep and then driving her very hard to make time. When she went out to sea the last time it was generally remarked by seafaring men that the vessel was unusually deep forward. If a heavy sea every came over her, it is said, she would never be able to recover, and it is thought she would have opened up and gone to the bottom like a rock. The Montserrat is an old vessel, and not a very good sea-going one. The Montserrat is an iron steamer, was built at Blyth, England, in 1881, and is a much stronger vessel than the Keweenaw, although she has had rougher usage. She has carried larger cargoes of coal than she was capable of handling with safety.

The iron steamer Keweenaw is heavily loaded with coal. She was built at West Bay City, Mich., in 1891, and was intended for navigation on the great lakes. The hull is unusually thin, and she would not be able to stand much of a strain at sea. One of the former engineers, who is now on the Sound, says he has grave doubts if she would stand as heavy a storm as prevailed last week.

The revenue cutter Rush has started from Port Townsend and the tug Vigilant from San Francisco to search for the missing vessels.

There has been no signs of the missing steamers Keewena and Montserrat up to 11 o'clock this morning, and the owners have now very faint hopes of the missing vessels putting in an appearance. A severe snow storm prevails in the northern part of the state. Telegraphic communication is somewhat interrupted, but there has been no interference with the train service.

STEVENSON'S DEATH.

The Novelist Died on December Third of Paralysis of the Brain.

London, Dec. 18.—An Auckland dispatch to the Star contains a few details of the death of Novelist Stevenson on the evening of December 3. Stevenson remarked to his wife that he felt a strange pain in his head. Almost immediately afterward he fell back senseless and never regained consciousness. He died two hours later. The cause of his death was paralysis of the brain.

The Daily News says editorially: "Mr. Stevenson's loss is irreparable to letters, because no other writer of our time approached him in breadth, variety and appeal."

Andrew Lang, in a column sketch written for the News, says: "In a letter which I received from him only last week, he displayed for the first time in his correspondence and my long friendship to him, a certain anxiety about himself. He was haunted with a dread of paralysis and some lingering mental malady like Dean Swift's."

The Daily News learns that Mr. Stevenson's new novel entitled "Northern Lights," was completed shortly before his death and will be published soon.

LATE CABLE DISPATCHES.

The Pope Fears That the Italian Scandal Will Lead to Sadder Events.

London, Dec. 18.—The Standard's correspondent in Rome telgraphs: The development of the Giolitti documents has been followed most closely by the vatican. The pope views the situation most seriously and fears that the scandal is the forerunner of still sadder events.

The diamond cutters of Amsterdam have struck and are parading the streets.

Brisson, Radical, was to-day elected president of the French chamber of deputies.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Queen Sends Another Wreath to be Placed on Sir John's Coffin.

Blenheim to Leave Portsmouth on Friday for Halifax—The Funeral Plans.

London, Dec. 18.—The cruiser Blenheim, which is to convey the body of the late Sir John Thompson to Halifax, arrived at Portsmouth from Gibraltar this morning. It is now stated that the Blenheim will sail on December 21. A catafalque will be erected in the captain's cabin, where the body will remain until it reaches Halifax.

The Southwestern railway are having a funeral coach draped and decorated for the transportation of the body to Portsmouth. The mayor and other authorities of Portsmouth will attend the ceremony of transporting the body to the Blenheim.

A large case five feet square and hermetically sealed arrived at the Palace hotel yesterday from Windsor, containing a wreath from the Queen. Lord Edward P. Clinton, the groom in waiting, telegraphed to Senator Sanford saying that the Queen was sending a special wreath for the state funeral of the remains of the late Sir John Thompson, and expressing the wish that the senator would take charge of it.

Mrs. and Miss Sanford, wife and daughter of Senator Sanford, of Canada, accompanied Miss Thompson, daughter of the late Sir John, to Liverpool this afternoon, preparatory to embarking on the White Star line steamship Majestic, which sails for New York to-morrow. Mrs. Sanford has received a message from Windsor, signed by all the members of the Queen's household, conveying to Sir John Thompson's family renewed expressions of sympathy, and particularly asking that Mrs. Sanford convey the sympathetic message to Lady Thompson.

Portsmouth, Dec. 18.—The British cruiser Blenheim, detailed to convey the remains of the late Sir John Thompson to Halifax, has arrived off Spithead. After the arrival of the Blenheim a conference took place between the admiral, Charles G. Fane, who is superintendent of the Portsmouth dockyard, Naval Constructor E. Beaton and Captain Edmund S. Poe, commander of the Blenheim. The latter offered to give up his room to be used as a mortuary chamber in which the remains of the late Sir John Thompson would rest during their passage across the Atlantic. Later at a conference, in which the commander in chief took part, it was decided that the bier measure 9 by 5 1-2 feet, and that it should be at such an elevation that the friends of the dead man in taking their last look at the body, standing on a step seven inches from the dock, would be able to obtain a good view. The Blenheim for this service will be painted black. It is believed that she will be ready to sail for Halifax by Friday. The mayor of Portsmouth has offered the use of the town hall if it is deemed desirable for the body to remain in state in this city over night. The offer has been declined with thanks, and the remains will be taken on board immediately after their arrival here. It has been arranged that Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, will escort the remains of the late premier to Canada on board the Blenheim.

London, Dec. 18.—The Marquis of Ripon, in a letter to Sir Charles Tupper, dated December 12th, the day Sir John Thompson died, expresses sincere sympathy with him over the calamity. He says in substance that the death of the leading Canadian statesman in the palace of his sovereign, just as he was about to receive a most distinguished mark of his sovereign's appreciation, was most tragic, and adds:

"The circumstance will bring remembrances of those services vividly before the minds of all, and perhaps do something to mitigate the grief of his family and friends."

Sir Charles Tupper, replying, thanks his lordship by a sympathetic letter, and informs him that he has forwarded the letter to Lady Thompson, who, he adds, will be deeply touched by the kind sympathy evinced. Sir Charles further says that he is so much gratified at the action of her majesty's government in sending the remains by a war ship to Halifax that he has decided to accompany the remains as a representative of the government of which the deceased was premier.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Resolution Against Compulsory Arbitration Passed.

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—A resolution against compulsory arbitration was adopted at the morning session to-day of the American Federation of Labor without discussion. A resolution to appropriate a thousand dollars to aid the families of strikers confined in prisons was referred to the executive council for favorable consideration. The proposed bill to be presented to congress to tax the sweating system out of existence was referred for favorable action to the executive council.

—Fine carvers, cutlery, etc., for Xmas presents at Sidney Shore's, 57 Johnson street.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

STILL MORE HORRIBLE.

Reports of Cannabalism on the Part of the Turks in Armenia.

Mass Meeting in London to Urge the Government to Take Action.

Tiflis, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Dec. 17.—A letter which appeared in a paper here states that for nineteen days the residents of Armenian villages where the outrages were perpetrated fought against the Kurds. The Armenians lost only ten warriors, while the Kurds lost 569. When the troops under Zekki Pasha appeared, the Armenians were compelled to succumb. After Zekki Pasha's treachery in offering peace, sixty young Armenians were seized and tortured horribly for three days. Then all were murdered and their bodies thrown in a ditch. Among the Armenian heroes who lost their lives, the writer mentions Derbedros, who with his own hand killed seven Kurds in a fair fight. He was captured and flayed to the waist. Pieces of his flesh were cooked and eaten by the savage Turks while he was still alive.

London, Dec. 17.—The Standard's Constantinople correspondent says that Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador to Turkey, has induced France and Russia to join England in her humanitarian campaign in the teeth of German opposition.

The mass meeting to protest against the Armenian atrocities was held this evening under the auspices of the Armenian society. Francis Seymour Stevenson, M. P., chairman of the Anglo-Armenian Association, presided and opened the meeting with a brief speech of welcome. He read a letter from Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone, who was unable to accept the invitation to be present but sent these words of encouragement:

"The terrible statements from Armenia have riveted the attention of the world. I heartily wish your and every other effort to bring out the truth. Should the horrible allegations already made be sustained, they will prompt the civilized world anew to ask: How long are these things to be endured? I will not try to anticipate the result of the investigation, but I feel morally certain that the administration will not rest without a thorough inquiry into the matter in which, under the Cyprus convention, we have a separate, deep and painful interest. It is my present hope that the Ottoman government will, for its own honor, cordially concur in this searching examination."

Cardinal Vaughon and Hon. James Stansfeld, M. P., also wrote to express their sympathy with the objects of the meeting.

The first resolution records the indignation caused by the Porte's continued violations of the principles of humanity, and that the 61st article of the Berlin treaty is allowed, owing to the indifference of the signatory powers, to remain so long inoperative.

The British government is called upon to take the initiative in insisting on the immediate introduction of definite reforms in Armenia, in accordance with the pledge given at Berlin by Turkey. The second resolution says: "While approving the international consular commission, we believe that the mere punishing of a few offenders will not change the situation. What is really required is concerted and vigorous action by the powers." In the third resolution the meeting raise a protest against the continued refusal of the foreign office since 1889 to publish the consular reports relating to Armenian affairs, and will call for early information concerning Armenians who, either untried, or after mere mock trials, have been imprisoned and maltreated. Among the speakers at the meeting were Commoners C. E. Schwan, Sir J. W. Pease, F. A. Channing, E. J. Morton and Editor Clayden of the Daily News.

The Daily Chronicle correspondent in Moscow says: "Dispatches from Tiflis say that encounters between Armenian and Turkish villagers on Russian territory are becoming more frequent and serious. The governors of Erivan and Kars have taken energetic measures to quell the Armenians. Agent Leman, just here from the Caucasus, learns that the outrages in the Bitlis and Van districts were far less serious than reported, and that the cases of torture and murder will be found to be rare."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The Novosto says that the best pledge England and Russia can give of the mutual sincerity of their understanding is joint forcible intervention in Armenia. The writer advocates a policy which will culminate in Armenia's independence.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—The proposal that consuls of Great Britain, Russia and France shall act with the Armenian commission appointed to investigate the reported atrocities of the Turkish soldiers in Armenia, emanated from the Porte in consequence of Great Britain's representations on the subject, but it is now stated that the consuls of the three powers will only follow the commission's deliberations and make suggestions regarding the presence and examination of witnesses. The consuls will not sit with the commission, but their presence with the commission is expected to assure the population. The Porte will be officially informed of the instructions which will be given to the consuls by their respective governments, and formal request to the Porte for permission to send the consuls with the commission will also be made by the powers interested, in order to facilitate their task.

American News.

New York, Dec. 17.—Defaulting Paying Teller Tate, of the Chemical National bank, was arraigned to plead to a charge of having stolen $15,500 of the bank's funds. He was not ready, and his counsel obtained an extension until Thursday, when he will plead.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

News Received by Wire From All Parts of the World.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—T. Ogilvie, 25 years old, a mechanic in the employ of the Edison car shops, was found dead in bed this morning with a bullet through his breast. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was in love with a woman who was to be married on Thursday to another. Ogilvie was despondent through that, and also from the fact, just discovered, that he had consumption.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.—The story which had been circulated that Mayor Pingree of this city had chloroformed two horses and wanted all the city horses killed in like manner in order to save the expense of the animals in winter feed arose from the fact that the mayor had two old family horses chloroformed as the family did not want them to fall into strange hands.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Claus A. Blixt, the self-confessed murderer of Catherine Ging, was arraigned in the district court to-day, and in a weak voice pleaded not guilty. The state had rather expected a plea of guilty, and asked Blixt if he understood what he was doing. He said he did, and the plea was entered. R. S. O'Dell appeared for him, Blixt having refused to see the attorneys appointed by the court to undertake his case.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—John A Carr and J. D. M. Joseph, who were arrested on Saturday on the charge of jury bribing in the Kelly case, were arraigned this morning and allowed a week to plead. In the case of X. N. Steeves, jointly indicted with Kelly for the murder of George W. Sayres, the court has been trying since Thursday to get a jury. Today two were secured, making eight. There are various rumors of jury bribery in this case also. One of the jurors already accepted is said to have stated he was going to get on Steeves' jury if possible. District Attorney Hume is investigating and will bring the matter up in court.

SIR MORELL MACKENZIE, M. D.

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MOSQUITOES GIVE IN.

They Incorporate with Nicaragua and Drop Their Claims.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The department of state has received a dispatch from Minister Baker at Managua confirming the dispatch of some days ago that the Mosquito Indians have become incorporated with Nicaragua. This surrender, it is understood, disposes of the last vestige of the last claim of sovereignty by the Mosquito Indians over the Mosquito reserve, set apart by the Managua treaty of 1860 and the award of the emperor they are under. It also terminates any ground for continued pretext of a British protectorate over the Mosquito reservation and greatly simplifies the right of transit across the isthmus.

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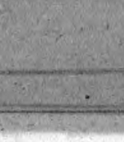

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A BY-LAW.

Respecting the Municipal Elections for the City of Victoria for the Year 1895.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The nomination of candidatesfor the

1. The nomination of candidates for the of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1895, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room at the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 17th day of January, 1895, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Aldermen in any ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for said office shall be taken by ballot on the 17th day of January, 1895, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward, at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward, at Burnes' Block, Bastion Square.

For the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (east side).

4. The provision of the "Election By-law," passed 3rd March, 1888, and the schedule thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistant with this by-law and the Municipal Acts, shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William King Bull is hereby appointed Returning Officer at the said elections.

6. The Municipal Election By-law, 1893," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By-law, 1895."

Passed the Municipal Council, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1894.

JOHN TEAGUE,
Mayor.

(L. S.)
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-aw passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria, on the 13th day of December, A.D. 1894, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court within one month next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

CHARGES OF BOODLING.

An Irate Workman Writes a "Spicy" Letter to the Board of Aldermen.

Cemetery, Wide Tire and Electric Light Regulation By-Laws Laid Over.

A short session of council was held last night. All the members of the board were present.

R. P. Rithet acknowledged receipt of proposed amendments to the municipalities act. The letter said that it might be necessary to draw up a bill as no other member had taken action. Referred to the legislative committee.

A letter from the provincial secretary re the same matter was also sent to the same committee.

W. H. Ellis asked the city council to refund interest amounting to $82.50 to the directors of the agricultural association. The interest was on the mortgage held by the Manufacturers Life Assurance company and the city had agreed to pay the sum. Referred to finance committee.

A letter from the Hamilton Manufacturing Company re the fitting of machinery in the power house, was tabled.

The James Bay athletic association complained of the emptying of sewage into the harbor. Street committee.

The same association asked for a stone crossing opposite their club house.

Ald. Baker said there was no money; other crossings were needed more. Mayor Teague thought a few loads of gravel would do.

Referred to the street committee with power to act.

A letter that created much interest was received from J. C. Dinsmore, Cook street. It read as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of Victoria.

I feel most respectfully to acquaint your honorable body with some facts in connection with the pole yard, and post holes. In the first place, if a man wants to obtain employment, he has only to run a board bill at the Vancouver hotel, and on the first opportunity someone is laid off and he is started to work in his place. This system has been in progress from the first and it would appear there is a good "rake off" for someone. I must here point out that there is only four married men in the whole outfit, including the post hole diggers. Why not share and share alike with married men? You gentlemen must be aware that there is great distress at the present moment in Victoria; married men who are too proud to accept charity and too honest to steal are hampering your streets and can not get a day's work. They wend their way home to a cheerless fireside and hungry family. Some few weeks ago a motion was brought before your honorable body by someone interested in the electric light plant, asking your permission for a certain Swede who had the contract to take out the rock, to dig the post holes by contract also. You did a wise thing to refuse this unreasonable demand, as this alien had his own gang of houdlums ready to start work at 70 cents a hole at three holes per day per man. Coupled with rock work he calculated on clearing $150 per month. This Swedish warrior flourished a $10 bill in a saloon on Wharf street and declared that he was going to give that in order to get the contract for the post holes, but thanks for your decision, you threw out their application. But his superiors and supporters were determined to conquer or die, and in addition to his rock contract, receives a salary of $3 per day for strutting around and interfering with the poor fellows who are digging post holes at a reduced rate. You gentlemen might to wish to know who this Swede is? Well, he left home because he was the handsomest son his mother had. He arrived here and worked at the gas works; he there commenced a system of dictation to his superiors. The manager asked him to leave, and he wouldn't. He is now the sole occupant of a self contained shack in some part of the cow yard.

Now, gentlemen, this corrupt practice of boodling should be stopped at once and forever.

Let us remember what the New York scandals have led to. Yours respectfully,

J. C. DINSMORE,
Cook street.

Victoria, Dec. 16, 1894.

Chairman Munn of the electric light committee, said the writer had never applied to him for work. He had ordered Engineer Stickels to first employ men living in the city. Received and filed.

A petition of Johnson street ratepayers above George street, asking for an electric light and the fixing up of the street. The petition said this was not the first request.

Ald. Vigelius thought the street was in a shameful condition. Yates street ward had not a fair share of public works this year.

Chairman Baker of the street committee, said it was the intention of the committee to fix up the street, but there was no money for a sidewalk.

Referred to the street committee.

The finance committee asked appropriations for $700. Agreed to.

The street committee recommended that the building on the northeast corner of Fisguard street and Store street be pulled down. The building was unfit for use. Agreed to.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the city engineer prepare plans with a view to sewering the Jubilee and infectious disease hospitals. Carried.

The cemetery by-law came up.

Ald. Munn thought it would be better to get another cemetery. A large portion of the new part was a little more than a swamp; it was not higher than high water.

"Hear, hear," said Ald. Vigelius.

Ald. Harris repudiated the assertions of Ald. Munn. The new portion was not swamp; it would do for burial purposes for ten years.

Ald. Styles backed up Ald. Harris; the cemetery was not swampy.

Ald. Dwyer was of the opinion of Ald. Munn. By-law laid over.

The electric light regulation by-law was read and taken up.

Chairman Wilson, of the finance committee, said there were no funds. He would like the aldermen to find a gold mine.

Ald. Humphrey agreed with Ald. Wilson.

Ald. Munn believed in economy but it should have been practiced long ago and there might have been money left. It was a very necessary by-law and should be furthered so that it would be put through the first thing next year.

Ald. Wilson thought the by-law was too technical for them to consider.

Ald. Styles wanted experts called in and a special meeting held.

Ald. Munn said the by-law was approved of by the best electrician on the coast.

Mayor Teague suggested that it be passed in its entirety. Read a first time.

The wide tire by-law came up for consideration.

Ald. Wilson wanted the by-law laid over and a meeting of persons interested called.

Ald. Dodingham said a meeting of draymen had been held. A number of draymen were against it. He read the opinions of farmers who agreed that a four inch tire was a good one. He was willing to let the matter stand.

The council adjourned at 9:45.

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Manager.

Victoria, Nov. 28, 1894.

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ARCHITECTS.

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SOCIETIES.

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ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS. Court Vancouver No. 3795, A. O. F., holds 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month, at Pioneer Hall, Government st., cor. Visiting brothers are invited. SIDNEY WILSON, Sec.

VANCOUVER & QUADRA LODGE, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., B.C.R. Regular communication the third Wednesday in each month, at Masonic Temple, corner Douglas and Fisguard streets. Sojourning brethren cordially invited. R. A. BROWN, sec.

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NOTICE—To all whom it may concern: Take notice that after this date, I, the undersigned, will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name by my wife, without my written authority. December 17th, 1894. Geo. Clyde. d17-1w

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DR. WADE

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B.C. PIONEER SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL DINNER

of the Society will take place

Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Victoria Hotel

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A. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Victoria, 5th Dec., 1894. 06-tf

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The Seventy-eighth drawing for an appropriation in the above Society will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad Street, on Friday, the 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

See that your shares are in good standing.

By order, B. WILLIAMS.
Victoria, Dec. 14, 1894. Secretary.

Liberal Association

A meeting of this association will be held in the Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock, to receive the report of the committee appointed to submit the names of probable candidates and other business.

J. T. BETHUNE, Secretary.

d17-td

The Daily Times.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The minister of finance labored hard to put a good face on provincial affairs yesterday, but the performance was far from satisfactory even from his own point of view. It practically amounted to a confession that the finances had been going from bad to worse, until now the yawning hole in the money box has to be filled with another loan. More than that, though Mr. Turner does not seem to have dwelt upon the point, the taxes are increasing in weight and the people of the province are none too patient under the burden. At the end of the financial year 1893-94 there was a deficit of $330,000, though Mr. Turner had in his 1893 budget speech calculated on a balance of about $100,000 remaining over. What the shortage in the current year's operations will be the minister of finance seemed afraid yesterday to estimate closely, but he spoke of an overexpenditure of $250,000, a possible falling off in the revenue and a heavy overdraft. The particulars remain to be filled in by actual results. Perhaps the minister was not to be severely blamed for lacking courage to go into the figures more closely in such an untoward situation. The estimates for the current year showed a probable deficit of over $100,000, the amount of the supposed surplus from last year being left out of account. If to this we add the $250,000 of over expenditure and the probable falling off in the revenue it is not unreasonable to suppose that a $500,000 deficit will appear next June. Then for next year the estimates as submitted show a prospective deficit of $300,000, and it is morally certain that this will be increased by the actual operations, for the revenue will be less and the expenditure more than the minister is now willing to set down. We may safely reckon on a $400,000 shortage at the very least. Thus the three years' deficits aggregate about $1,250,000, which must be met by the raising of the new loan now officially promised. What will the possible lenders say when they are invited to purchase the new stock? Is it not likely that they will ask a few questions as to the governmental extravagance which leads to the necessity of such frequent borrowings?

AN ATTACK ON THE CITIES.

Premier Davie misses few opportunities of showing his anxiety to have the provincial government take a hand in the direction of the affairs of cities. The smallest excuse for an investigating satisfies him, as shown in the case of the old men's home and like trifling matters concerning some of the other cities. But the premier goes a long step further in the precious bill which he styles "an act relating to the government of cities." It might better have been given the title "An act to throw the government of cities entirely into the hands of the Davie government." The proposal in brief is that the government of any city may be put into the hands of commissioners appointed by the ministry if the change is petitioned for by 50 persons entitled to a vote on money by-laws and the petition is endorsed at the polls by a majority of those who have the right to vote on such by-laws. When the awful mess into which the Davie government has plunged provincial affairs is kept in mind it might presumably be supposed that not even 50 men would be found in any city so foolish as to ask that its business be entrusted to the government's tender mercies. It would be much more to the point if some superior power could rescue the province from the pit into which the Davie combination's incompetence and crookedness have thrust it. No city wants a series of deficits, an increase of debt and a heavier burden of taxation brought upon it by the squandering of its money. Nevertheless if that absurd bill should happen to become law the government might be able to find 50 of its creatures in each one of the cities ready to petition in the prescribed fashion, and by some accident or neglect the odious form of government proposed might be fixed on the community. The restriction of the voting privilege would enlarge the possibility. If the bill provided for commissioners to be elected by the people it would not be so bad, but what would the prospects of a city be if placed in the grip of Davie's creatures? How profitable would it be to secure this boon in exchange for the privilege of self-government? The people should remember that if the bill becomes law it will enable a few mal-contents or manipulators to put them to a large amount of trouble and expense. They should demand that the bill be thrown aside and that the premier abandon his attack on their liberties and privileges.

ELK LAKE WATERSHED.

Court of Enquiry Into the Value of Property Abutting the Lake.

The Elk Lake property arbitration case is in progress in the committee room at the city hall. The arbitration is held to arrive at an amicable settlement of the price to be paid by the corporation to Mr. Greaves, the owner of the property, and to tenants. The property is a portion of the watershed of Elk Lake. There are 107 acres belonging to Mr. Greaves, 48 acres of which are in section 110, and 59 acres in section 48. The arbitrators are W. Wilson for the city, Mr. Johns for Mr. Greaves and the sub-tenant farmers and ex-Ald. Lovell the third arbitrator. Mr. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, is looking after the case for the city, and Hon. Mr. Pooley appears for the owner of the property. Mayor Teague, Ald. Wilson, Styles, Ledingham and Dwyer were present as spectators.

Mr. Greaves said that the value of the fruit trees on his land was $645. There were 129 fruit trees; the house and outbuildings were worth $500. He could get $700 for the 2000 cords of wood growing on the property that would be a valuation of 35 cents a cord, and there were many smaller sums for other things the total sum for improvements amounting to $3000. He said that he would rather keep the land than take $12,000 for it; he had bought it 15 years ago and paid $10 an acre. He admitted having offered the property lower than the $12,000 but he did it not knowing that adjoining property was bringing a higher figure.

Mr. Black, Mr. Auckland and Mr. Wilkinson gave evidence that the property belonging to Mr. Greaves was worth about $100 an acre. The court then adjourned until 9:30 Wednesday morning.

FOLLOWING CANADA.

Proposed to Adopt Our Banking Law in the States.

New York, Dec. 18.—Francis Wayland Glen has written to the chairman of the committee on banking and commerce of the house of representatives advocating the substitution of the Baltimore plan for the existing national banking law. It has been tried in Canada for the last 27 years in a less conservative form, he says, and has given complete satisfaction, only one bank having failed since. In Baltimore there has not been a bank failure during the past 90 years. He opposes Secretary Carlisle's plan, because it would withdraw from circulation and from the reserves of the banks a large percentage of the money of the country and because it smacks of the financial operations of China, India, Mexico and Argentina. Mr. Glen's last objection to the Carlisle plan is because "it is proposed by the secretary of the treasury, who has proved his inability to advise wisely the American people or administer their financial affairs with success."

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OUR DEPARTED PREMIER.

The Rev. Joseph Hall Refers to Sir John Thompson's Death.

In the Centennial Methodist church on Sunday morning the Rev. Joseph Hall took occasion to comment upon and eulogize the virtues in the life of the deceased premier. He selected as his text Prov. xxii., 29, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Mr. Hall said:

During the week that has elapsed since we met last for worship within these hallowed walls an event of more than national significance and interest has occurred in the removal from us, with shocking suddenness, of the first minister of our Dominion. The eyes of millions of our fellow-subjects have been turned sympathetically towards the spot which was the scene of his sudden demise. We follow his course during the few hours which, all unsuspected by himself, proved to be the last of his earthly career. At noon on Wednesday he, in company with other eminent men, members of her majesty's privy council, took the train at Paddington station and proceeded to Windsor, where they attended the meeting of the council which had called them thither. At this meeting Sir John was duly constituted a member, to which he had been appointed in recognition of his distinguished services in connection with the Behring sea arbitration. They adjourned for luncheon to an adjoining room, from which he is presently led, having been seized with a fainting fit. Recovering he soon returns. But after a brief interval more violent symptoms supervene, and despite the eminent skill which is at hand, and is sedulously exercised, the great statesman breathes his last. It is right that due moral and religious improvement should be made of events which command such widespread interest and impressiveness. It is our duty as individuals to sanctify to ourselves personally the deep impressions which it is the nature of such incidents to make upon our hearts. It is also the duty of the pulpit to seize such occurrences to enforce the lessons of Holy Writ, and in accordance with the plans of divine providence to make them subserve that wise thoughtfulness which the divine word so abundantly inculcates. At a time like this the passion and prejudice of political partizanship subsides; we feel how truly mortal we are, and are able in the light of the sympathy and tenderness which the event evokes to see in those who differ from us in political creed and predilections how much there may be to command our sincerest respect and admiration. We cannot but recall with patriotic pride the words of high commendation which since his decease have fallen from the lips of men highest in positions of rank and trust in the mother country. Here Mr. Hall quoted Sir Richard Webster, who pronounced him "a most remarkable man"—"a striking example of fairness and impartiality"—of "sound judgment"—"a most upright and exemplary character." The opinions of the leading London dailies were also quoted. Proceeding, Mr. Hall said, born in the country whose highest councils he was destined to organize and guide, he is the more entitled to our meed of praise; the distinguished position he was called upon to occupy and the important services of international character he was destined to render have reflected lustre upon every native born Canadian and have elevated the Dominion itself into a higher place in the scale of nations than she could otherwise have occupied. Not that Canada has not had other sons, and has not now, who have won for her the respect of the great nations of the earth by the qualities of statesmanship they have displayed. But the more numerous these are and the more important their services the greater the glory they reflect upon the land to which they belong. Wisdom of statesmanship secures honor and prosperity to the nation; it strengthens the spirit of patriotism among the people by giving them just cause to be proud of their country; it encourages immigration; strengthens credit abroad and increases national prestige. The position of honor to which our deceased premier attained is reached only by the exemplification of certain qualities of character which it behooves the young men of this generation to ponder over and strenuously emulate. Thus shall our country become increasingly great as the generations go by in the possession of large numbers of men who shall be able to fill worthily her high offices and ably discharge her highest functions of government. So shall our young country with its unbounded resources pass onward and upward to a yet more commanding eminence among the nations of the earth. Among the qualities possessed in high degree by Sir John Thompson were enumerated and appropriately illustrated decision, thoroughness and industry, as being comprehended in the diligence in the words of the text shall to secure to those who exemplify it a standing before kings. The speaker concluded by impressing upon the congregation the solemn lesson of the unexpected departure of Sir John Thompson, urging all to lose no time in attaining to preparation for an event which must come sooner or later to all, and which may to any of us much nearer than we think.

THE CAUSE OF CHARITY.

Very Successful Concert Given in Institute Hall Last Evening.

At 8:30 last night one could hardly obtain standing room at Institute Hall, where the charity concert was in progress. There were chairs placed in the aisles and in the rear of the hall, and but few more people could have crowded into the hall. The concert was simply a great success, reflecting the greatest credit upon Miss Skinner and Miss McDowell, who arranged and managed it. The programme was rather lengthy, but there was no complaint or impatience at that, for the best amateur talent in the city assisted. It would be unfair to make any particular distinction, there were so many good things on the programme. The singing of Clement Rowlands, Miss Mouat, W. Ralph Higgins, Mrs. Heimcken, Mrs. Rowlands, Fred Richardson, George Bushby, F. H. Lang, Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Duffie and Mr. Gordon was up to their usual standard. Nearly all were encored and some twice. Miss Powell with guitar accompaniment by herself and Miss Loewen and violin accompaniment by Robert Powell, contributed a very pleasing number to the programme. The scene from Ben Hur, with recitation by Miss Wilks, was appreciated. The double quartette from the Amateur Minstrel Company gave a couple of good choruses. The solos were taken by Frank Sehl and James Pilling, and those in the chorus being Alf Hood, George Shedden, George E. Powell, Harry Howard, W. Mitchell, H. E. A. Robertson and A. L. Brownlie. The Catholic Cathedral choir, led by C. A. Lombard, were heard in two pleasing numbers, and the selections from the orchestra were greatly appreciated. Miss Briggs rendered two very difficult piano solos, and the ladies' string orchestra gave an attractive selection. Mrs. C. A. Lombard, Mrs. W. Ralph Higgins, Miss Briggs and George E. Powell were accompanists.

The proceeds are to be devoted to general charity and the ladies are to be congratulated that it was a financial success.

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—J. Johnston, commission stationery agent, Kirk block, Douglas street. *

—The Conservative association has called a meeting at the Adelphi building to-night.

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—Profits dispensed with on monuments and cemetery work at A. Stewart's, cor. Yates and Blanchard streets. See stock and designs. *

—The first of a series of fortnightly socials in aid of the Pythian Home will be inaugurated by a dance and supper on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. Tickets, $1. *

—Christmas donations to the P. O. home may be left at Porter's butcher shop, from whence they will be taken to the home free of charge and without further trouble.

—R. H. Carter, of Victoria, was married on Saturday last at San Francisco to Miss Eva Fillmore, of that city. The couple are now on their way here, where they will make their permanent home.

—The date of the presentation of the lockets to the members of the James Bay lacrosse team has been set for Thursday, December 27. It will take place at Philharmonic hall, and among those who are to take part are: Mrs. McCandless, Miss Jameson, Miss Wolff, Miss Murray, Messrs. W. Edgar Buck, J. Pilling, Clement Rowlands, E. A. Wolff, J. G. Brown, Alf. Hood, W. R. Higgins and Dr. Wade's musical club.

—The entertainment given last evening in A. O. U. W. hall by Ladies' True Blue lodge was a very enjoyable affair, and gave great pleasure to the large number present. The programme was as follows: Overture, orchestra; club swinging, Thomas Furnival; guitar solo, Mr. Agnew; duet, Miss Milne and Mrs. Baker; cornet solo, Professor Proctor; song, Mr. Grimason; piano solo, Miss Haughton; song, Miss Cohen; recitation, Mr. Gilder; song, Mr. Ayton; recitation, Thomas Furnival; song, Mr. Bourden; recitation, Mr. Connolly. Supper was then served, and after that dancing to music furnished by the Bantly family orchestra was enjoyed.

—Chief Sheppard, Sergeant Hawton, and Constable Perdue raided the Chinese fan tan game at 42 Fisguard street last night and arrested six Chinese spectators and players. Entrance was effected by strategy, the sergeant disguising himself and getting inside without being challenged. The Chinese were all arraigned in the police court this morning. Four out of the six arrested for looking on pleaded guilty and were fined $2, or in default one month's imprisonment. The remaining two pleaded not guilty, but after trial were found guilty, and for their trouble were each fined $20, or in default two months in jail. Ah Fong, charged with conducting one of the games, pleaded not guilty.

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and Lindley Crease appeared to defend him. After starting on the case it was remanded and Ah Fong was released on $200 bail.

—For prices plate glass see Mellor. *

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—Reduced rates only last till December 31st. Dr. A. A. Humber, 93 1-2 Douglas street. *

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—Headquarters for Christmas and New Year's gifts at 51 to 55 Fort street. Weiler Bros. *

—Gilt lettering for Xmas and New Year's presents 25 cents a line. Phil R. Smith, 32 Langley street. *

—The British Columbia Benevolent society thankfully acknowledges the following subscriptions: Mrs. Wm. Grant, $10, and Mrs. J. B. Lovell, $10.

—The meeting of the Liberal association called for to-morrow evening has been adjourned until Thursday evening, Philharmonic hall having been previously engaged for the other date.

—Westerg Star lodge, No. 7, A. O. U. W., gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Semple's hall, Victoria West, last night. There was a good attendance, and the affair was a very enjoyable one.

—The Y. M. C. A. football club will hold an important meeting this evening, and all the members are requested to be present. The junior Wanderers, late Perawoods, also hold a general meeting to-night.

—Overcoats at $12. We can't tell you just exactly how good they are, but they'd coax a fifteen dollar bill out of a man's pocket if fifteen dollar bills were made. Cameron, the Cash Clothier, 55 Johnson street.

—John Clarke was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon after a hearing in the police court this morning. Considering the rough treatment that Clarke had received at the hands of a local born poet the court only imposed a fine of $5, with $2 costs added.

—All who have been favored with invitations to the concert to-morrow evening by the Conservatory of Music at Institute hall will very likely respond. There are several very fine numbers on the programme. Trevelyan Sharpe will play a couple of violin solos.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Moffatt took place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence, Heywood avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Clay, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Gilmore, McCandless, Mayor Teague, Major Wilson, J. Bullen and James Burns.

—The auction sale by Joshua Davies of the balance of stock and store fixtures of the Stanley House will take place to-morrow commencing at 11 o'clock, retailers and family buyers will find this a good opportunity to obtain bargains, there being no reserve on any article.

—H. D. Roff and W. Smith created a disturbance in a Government street restaurant last night and were arrested. They claimed that it was a "josh" on the landlord, but there was some bad language used and considerable of a disturbance made. They were convicted in the police court this morning and were fined $10 and $2 costs apiece. In default they will each serve a month in jail.

—Professor Greiner, the king of glass blowers, is now on exhibition at 77 Government street (near Trounce avenue), with his wonderful glass steam engines and the only fictible glass dress in the world, for which Princess Eulalia of Spain offered ten thousand dollars at the world's fair in Chicago, forms part of the wonderful display, which all ladies, gentlemen and children should see. Admission only ten cents. Open from 10 to 10 daily. *

—Knox church Sabbath school held its Xmas entertainment last night, and of course all the children were there together with their elders. After supper an excellent programme was rendered by school talent. The Bible class presented their teacher, Mr. MacIntosh, with a handsome scarf pin. Miss Petit made the presentation, and Mr. MacIntosh, although taken entirely by surprise made a suitable reply. The gathering was also a farewell tendered to Mrs. Petit, who from the inception of the mission has been one of its most earnest workers, being organist and choir leader in the church and a teacher in the school. She is leaving Victoria to reside in California. The minister in the name of the congregation and school presented Mrs. Petit with a well-filled purse and an illuminated address as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of her labors.

—About forty Victorians went to South Saanich last evening to take part in and attend the entertainment given by the members of the temperance society in their hall at that place. They left the Hillside avenue depot at 7.30 o'clock, and did not return to the city until after midnight. There were two hundred at the concert, and after the opening address by Dr. Lewis Hall the first part of the programme, which was as follows, was rendered: Violin solo, Mr. Bruce; song, G. Parsons; song, B. Temple; recitation, Miss E. Oates; song in character, R. Hutcherson; song, Mr. Moody; one act farce by Messrs. Temple, Mitchell, Hutcherson, Hewetson and Shandley. Refreshments were then served, and after they had been dispatched Messrs. Stewart, Gale, Mitchell and the Thomas Brothers, of the temperance society, gave a comic sketch. The Victorians are loud in their praises of the treatment received.

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—The Empress of India is anchored off the outer wharf and the mails and passengers for this port were landed at a late hour this afternoon.

—In order to introduce our own make of delicious chocolate creams we will reduce the price to 25 cents per pound until after Xmas. Montgomery's, 42 Government street. *

—Joshua Davies sold to-day at auction Australian meats put up in 1, 2, 3, and 6 pound tins. A number of wharf street merchants were purchasers. Favorable comments were made in comparing the Australian goods with those of American manufacture.

—The greatest facilities in the province offered at Monroe Miller's Bindery for Ruling, Blank Books, Pass Books, Receipt Books, etc. As they have not quite eighty per cent. of the whole private work of the province they have any amount of time on their hands to attend to the wants of their customers. *

—The Victoria Rugby footballers who play against Vancouver Saturday are: P. B. Eteson, full back; C. Ward, J. M. Miller, A. Crease and H. Pettierew, three-quarter backs; F. E. Smith and F. B. Ward, half backs; L. Crease, W. H. Langley, H. W. Gordon, Q. D. H. Worden, John Fraser, A. Langley, W. Hanson, and E. A. C. Gibson, forwards; K. Macrae, reserve.

—The teachers of the different public schools, after consultation, have fixed to-morrow as the day for receiving the school children's gifts to the poor. Those pupils who intend contributing should therefore take their gifts with them to-morrow morning. Arrangements will we made for the distribution of the articles supplied among the needy and deserving.

—"The Jolly Old Chums," which will be seen in this city to-morrow and Thursday evenings, is a musical farce-comedy, written to amuse and please the public. The author has undoubtedly met with success, as it is one of the few comedies that sends the audience away fully satisfied. The singing is beautiful; the selections are splendid, new and catchy. All straight-laced, solemn-visaged citizens, seldom known to smile, throw themselves into all sorts of contortions and whoop and yell like schoolboys. A man in the very jaws of distraction would be compelled to laugh at the funny actions of the "Jolly Old Chums." The company has been selected with great care, and represent some of the leading lights in the profession.

—To-morrow night the concert for the James Bay Athletic association will be held in Philharmonic hall, Fort street, and without doubt it will be a most successful affair, financially as well as artistically. The programme published below is well worthy of perusal, and is one of the best arranged this season. The solos and selections are mostly recent compositions, and as the amateurs who will sing and play them are well known, it will be a treat to hear them. The concert begins sharp at 8 o'clock:

PART I.

Vocal duet—"In Woodland Dell".....C. Chamlinade
Mrs. Helmcken and W. Ralph Higgins.
Solo—Selection.....J. F. Foulkes.
Instrumental—"March Ideal"...H. W. Harris
The Citharas—A. T. Goward, mandolin; Sergt. Sparow, mandolin; F. W. Thomas, mandolin and banjo; Dr. Wade, guitar; B. Goward, guitar.
Solo—"Oh Fair, oh Sweet and Holy".....Otto Cantor
Mrs. Helmcken.
Violin Solo—"Cavatina" (Op. 85, No. 3)..
.....Raff. arr. by Fr. Herrmann
Solo—"My Noble Knights".....Meyerbeer
Mrs. Harry Young.
Dialect Sketches.....
Martin Egan.

PART II.

Instrumental—"The Volvi a Ver"..Estrada
The Citharas.
Solo—"Ich Liebe Dich".....A. Forster
Miss Mount.
Solo (violincello)—"Le Reve"...Gottermann
F. W. Galpin.
Solo—"Serenade".....Jansen
Miss Harinagie.
Solo—"Mullingar".....Meyer Lutz
(As sung by Ed. Loonen at the Gaiety, London.)
Fred. Richardson.
Solo—"No Surrender".....
Lieut.-Col. Prior.
Solo—"The Devout Lover"....Valerie White
W. Ralph Higgins.

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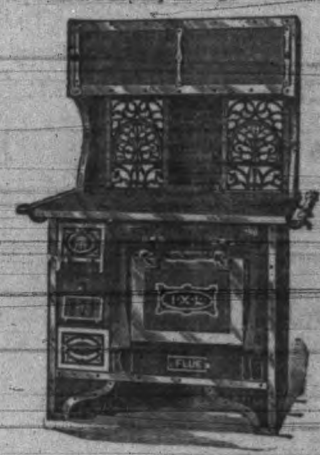

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—Magistrate Macrae is having a great deal of trouble in the Nanaimo robbery case. Several Chinese have been put in the box and have denied the testimony of one another without the least hesitancy. Two witnesses have already been temporarily incarcerated for not answering questions. This afternoon the magistrate had an idea. The witnesses had been sworn on the burning of a paper upon which their names had been written, but a change was made. A chicken was brought into court and Hi Ki was ordered to cut off its head and watch the contortions of the head and body after severance. He then wished that he would die as did the chicken if he told not the truth. The subsequent answers of the witness gave cause to believe that the chicken's death is the better method for the swearing of Chinese.

—An Indian was the only occupant of the police cells this afternoon.

—Splendid mixed candy at 15 cents per pound at Montgomery's, 42 Government street. *

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Hon. Mr. Turner the Finance Minister Delivers His Budget Speech.

Debate on the Estimates Adjourned Until To-Day—Other Business.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Monday, Dec. 17.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

Mr. McGregor presented a petition from the ratepayers of Nanaimo respecting the official survey of that city.

Mr. Eberts presented a report from the private bills committee stating that the rules and orders had been complied with in connection with the following petitions: W. H. McKenzie and others, for a bill respecting the Victoria Hydraulic Mining company; Columbia & Kootenay Railway company, Nanaimo Water Works company and the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway company. The committee recommended that the corporation of New Westminster be allowed three more days in which to introduce a private bill. Report received.

On recommendation of the railway committee the quorum was reduced from 10 to 7.

Mr. Eberts introduced a bill to amend the county courts act.

Mr. Williams moved for copies of all contracts entered into by the government relating to the building of the parliament buildings and all lands or other securities given for the fulfilment of such contracts. There being no objection the motion was adopted.

Mr. Prentice introduced a bill to amend the cattle act.

Hon. Mr. Martin introduced a bill to amend the municipal act.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved that the house proceed to the orders of the day to discuss the estimates.

Mr. Semlin held that before the discussion was proceeded with the house should be supplied with an abstract of the expenditure from July 1st to October 30th, and also a report from the public accounts committee. The members of the house could not discuss the finances intelligently until they had this information. It was quite easy for the government to supply this information. His request was a very reasonable one. The opposition did not wish to retard the work, but they did not wish to discuss the finances in the dark.

Hon. Mr. Turner contended that the information asked for would not affect the estimates, and he did not think there was any reason to delay the discussion. The accounts for the time between July 1st and October 30th would leave a false impression, as during that time large expenditures were made, while the revenue does not come in until after December 31st.

Mr. Prentice said the public accounts committee had asked for the accounts between July 1st and October 30th, and the officials promised to have them ready early this week. The members could not discuss the finances until these accounts were before them.

Hon. Mr. Davie said it was well known that the estimates were to be discussed to-day, and if the opposition needed further time they should have given notice of it. He admitted that the government had usually brought down an abstract of accounts for the six months previous to the session, but said it could not be done this session.

Mr. Rithet said the information asked for would be ready for the house to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sword stated that the officials of the finance department were preparing answers to questions put to them by members of the public accounts committee, and it was unfair to ask the members to discuss the estimates before the information was laid before them. It must be remembered that there were supplementary estimates for the present fiscal year, which were affected by the accounts since July 1st.

The speaker ruled that the motion to proceed with the orders of the day had a prior right over any other motion, and after the finance minister had concluded his remarks the debate could be adjourned.

Hon. Mr. Turner, after referring to the statement he made last session that perhaps the budget speech he then made would be the last one he would make, took up the result of the recent election. He admitted that before the last election it could not be said whether the government members represented a majority of the voters. Now, however, they did. At the recent election the total votes were 32,065, of which the government got 18,528, or 4991 more than their opponents. Add this to the several thousands the opposition say we were in minority, and we see the hurricane by which the opposition were swept out by last election; and yet the junior member for Vancouver says the government majority is only 342 for the whole province! The way he arrives at this is somewhat remarkable. Take, for instance, New Westminster, where the votes were government, 574, and opposition, 597, a difference of only 23. He actually claims the whole vote, 1171, as opposition, although we know very well that almost exactly half of that vote is misrepresented by the opposition member. But the electoral battle has now been lost and won, and leaving this matter I will proceed to business which may more profitably be discussed.

When the statement of revenue and expenditure was made in February, 1893, it was estimated that on the 30th of June last there would be approximately $100,000 at the credit of the province, which as a fact, owing to abnormal circumstaunes, we find ourselves with a liability or overdraft to the extent of $230,200, making an actual difference from the estimates of over $330,000. This arises, to trent it as a whole, from the revenue being below the estimates made of it by $237,000, while at the same time the expenditure, owing to peculiar conditions, exceeded the estimates by nearly $100,000. The difference is so large that it is important that we should examine into it. We know pretty well what caused the decline in revenue—that long after the estimate was made the wave of depression felt throughout the world, swept over this province. We find that the land sales, estimated at $175,000, produced only $33,000. The charge may be and probably will be made by some that the government should have known that the change in the land laws by which the sale of land was stopped, except under special conditions, and which must reduce the revenue to be derived from this source, should have been taken into account. As a matter of fact it was so taken, but it was felt, however, that with the payments to fall due during the next 18 months from January, 1893, and with some sales of special blocks of land by auction, the amount put down would be fully realized. At that time it was intended that several parcels of land in good situations should be sold by auction as in former years; but when the unfortunate collapse came and we saw the result of private attempts to dispose of land in Victoria and Vancouver by auction, it became evident that it would be unwise for us to put up our land as contemplated. I freely admit that I was quite unable to foretell fifteen months ago the general collapse of trade that was to come upon us, and which, added to the change in the land laws referred to, caused this great decline. The revenue from licenses fell off some $8390 from the estimate. This arises principally from the formation of new municipalities in 1893-4, viz.: Kamloops, Vernon, Spallumcheen and Kaslo. These account for at least $7000 of the decline under this head. The considerable decline under the head of miscellaneous arises largely from the decrease in the number of private bills this session, and from the stenographers' fees not being paid into the treasury. The principal sources of decline, however, after that of land sales, come under the revenue tax, $14,920; real estate tax, $23,286; and personal property tax, $8212. The revenue tax decline is fully accounted for by the fact that on the change of the education act a portion of this tax, which had previously been collected by the government, was handed over to the cities. The decline under real estate tax is to a certain extent also still due to the formation of new municipalities, but more largely to the general depression of trade throughout the province. The amount of the estimates for these lines of revenues was really about correct, the shortage arising simply from the fact that the amounts due have not been paid, and this remark applies also to the decline in wild land tax, some $20,000. The decline in revenue under the Chinese restriction act—$8000—simply shows that fewer Chinamen have come into the province, and this must be gratifying to the large section of our community who would willingly see this description of revenue still further reduced. There are a few sources of revenue which have exceeded our estimates. These are mining receipts, $8545; stamps, $1000; registry fees, $1845. The first is of a very encouraging nature as it indicates increased development of our mineral wealth. On turning to the expenditure for the same year (1893-94) we find that it exceeded the estimate made of it by some $105,000. This, as shown by the public accounts, arose largely from public works. Owing, therefore, to circumstauces that could not be foreseen and casualties that could not be guarded against, we found ourselves on the 30th of June with an overdraft as already noted. Now, turning to the present year, we are still in a period of depression, and it is almost certain that the revenue will not come up to what it was estimated at by a large amount, whilst on the other hand our expenditure must be far ahead of the estimates, as will be seen from the supplementaries now before you. These show that a large number of public works in the way of roads, bridges and so forth have had to be put through owing to the unprecedented floods which did so much damage during last summer. I may say that the general over-expenditure will probably amount to $250,000, and taken in connection with a possible fall-off in revenue, this points to a very large overdraft on the 30th of June next. Of course if we are able to get in the revenue as we should do this overdraft will be proportionately reduced, but it indicates at any rate to us that it will be necessary for us to call for another loan in the near future.

I will now take up the revenue and expenditure for the year commencing the 30th of June next. The revenue is estimated to amount to $1,035,980. It will be observed that the sum of $184,000 is put down for land sales. It is necessary that this should be referred to, particularly as last year these only produced $33,000. But there is a large amount to which I have already called attention standing in our books for arrears on account of land sales, and it is intended to take special means to get in such arrears. The same remarks apply to timber royalties and arrears in real and personal property and wild land taxes. The revenue from mining receipts was put down at $40,000, an increase of $14,000 over last year's receipts. We have evidence, however, that this amount is a very fair estimate. We will turn to the other side of the accounts, that of expenditure, which amounts to $1,312,277, about $50,000 more than the expenditure for the present year. This, however, includes all temporary and special services, and it may be relied upon that this amount will not be exceeded to any appreciable extent: in fact with lapsed balances it will probably not amount to so large a sum as here estimated. Under the head of civil government salaries there is an apparent increase over the votes of the present year, which, including the supplementaries, were $152,000, whereas the coming year shows $156,350 asked for. But, as a matter of fact, there is a considerable reduction from previous votes under several heads. Land registry, for instance, has been reduced by $8000. Under lands and works there is also a considerable reduction, though it is not apparent on comparing it with the estimates of the present year, as those estimates do not include the supplementary amount that is to be asked. Several clerks in this department were paid under the head of temporary assistance, but in the present estimates all this is put into the regular vote. In the attorney-general's department there is an apparent increase of $1600. This arises from a vote being put in for a crown attorney. In reality this vote affects a considerable saving, as the fees that were last year paid out amounted to several thousand dollars. There is an increase under the head of administration of justice, salaries, of some two thousand dollars in all, but when we take into account that the police force of the province will be entirely reorganized with a view to greater efficiency, and that there are votes for ten additional constables with the object in view of giving police protection for the islands and coast districts, and that stipendiary magistrates have been added for Union, Fort Steele and Nicola, it will be see that this is virtually a smaller amount than was paid for the present year.

Public institutions maintenance show some $21,000 over the vote for the present year, arising from the establishment of a bureau of mining, additional keepers for the lunatic asylum, as recommended by the commissioners, and salaries required for the employes of the provincial home, Kamloops. There is an excess, too, over last year of $10,000 under the head of administration of justice other than for salaries, arising principally for provision for carrying out the coast protection already alluded to.

Coming to our large vote, the $203,205 asked for education, the additon of $15,000 is simply the regular normal increase in accordance with the responsibilities which have to be carried out under the education act. The report of the minister of education shows how rapidly this is going on, the number of children enrolled on the books having risen from 9027 in 1884 to 12,613 last year. For public works and buildings we ask $95,900, some $15,000 over the vote for the present year. Included in this are such improvements as $10,000 for the Nanaimo schools and $25,000 for the court house there. There is also provision for a building for the mining bureau, which may be or may not be required. A vote appears also under this head of $25,000 for preliminary work in connection with the protection of the Fraser river lands. This probably would have been more appropriately placed in another part of the estimates, but the heading makes little difference. The appropriation is in conection with the joint commission to be appointed by the Dominion and the province to report and devise plans for preventing damage to our farming lands by floods. For roads, streets and bridges $199,400 has been put down, being about $50,000 under the vote for the present year, but we must take into consideration that we have to add to this latter a large part of the supplementary vote of $170,000 for works that are now going on or are to be completed before 30th June next. The miscellaneous appropriations show an increase of $19,000. This includes an addition of $3000 for stationery, arising from the enormous amount of printing and binding ordered by the house each session; $7000 for the revision of the statutes, and $8000 for the board of health, which may or may not be required, though it was thought best to put it in the estimates. It will probably be said in connection with the revenue up to the 30th of June last that only $821,000 was collected, and yet that I have put down over $1,000,000 to be collected during next year. This would be very fair criticism, and in reply to it I would refer to my previous remarks about the collection of arrears for the sale of land, timber leases, etc. It may be as well to state that the actual arrears for land sales and pre-emptions surveyed are about $421,000, and the arrears for unsurveyed lands approximate to at least $1,000,000. Making allowance, however, for any forfeitures and to be on the safe side, I have put the latter down at $750,000, which with the arrears for surveyed lands makes a total of at least $1,000,000 to go after. Now it is most evident that at the present time it would be very unwise—indeed it would be suicidal—to use extreme measures to force payment of these arrears. The

MUNICIPAL.

List of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 14th day of January, 1895, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of the Victoria Real Estate Tax Sale By-law, 1894, unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes and Costs due in respect of each lot in the schedule hereinunder written be paid.

Lot.	Block.	Section.		Amount of Arrears of Taxes.	Amount of Costs.	Person Assessed.	Registered Owner on the 3rd day of November, 1894, as per Land Registery Office.
Part 87	26		Land and Improvement	$ 33 30	$ 7 81	Morris Moses	Morris Moses
sub-d'n 1 of 121a	24		Land and Improvements	116 91	27 46	M. Powers	Carroll Estate
Sub-d'n 20 of 121a	24		Land and Improvements	44 04	10 48	M. Powers	Carroll Estate
Part 794	19		Land	14 91	3 49	Unknown	Unknown
E ½ 878	J		Land and Improvements	15 30	3 58	Lucie Thiebault	Lucie Thiebault
907	17		Land	18 36	4 30	Estate J. Montero	Estate J. Montero
1007	17		Land and Improvements	29 46	6 91	Estate J. Montero	Estate J. Montero
1218	28		Land and Improvements	13 75	3 22	Estate of Jno. Smith	Estate of Jno. Smith
Sub-d'n 13 of 1257	T		Land and Improvements	57 89	13 59	James Gibson	Winnifred Gibson
5	15-16	Beckley Farm	Land	9 18	2 15	H. G. Morgan	Winslow D. Morgan
22	37	Fairfield	Land	5 35	1 24	Richard Rowlerson	Joseph Phonix
23	37	Fairfield	Land	5 35	1 24	Joseph Grice	Joseph Phonix
½ 15	58-59	Fernwood	Land	3 80	88	E. V. Bodwell	W. J. Cline
½ 16	58-59	Fernwood	Land	3 80	88	E. V. Bodwell	W. J. Cline
N pt 5	sub	urban 5 Acre lot III	Land and Improvements	27 53	6 48	Catherine Gunn	Catherine Gunn
9	E ½ sub	urban 5 Acre lot VI	Land	6 10	1 42	A. Pujol	A. Pujol
10	E ½ sub	urban 5 Acre lot VI	Land	6 10	1 42	A. Pujol	A. Pujol
13	subu	rban 6 Acre lot XVII	Land and Improvements	4 36	1 00	John Murray	John Murray
15	subu	rban 5 Acre lot XX	Land	13 76	3 22	D. McPhadden	Not registered
45	69-72	Spring Ridge	Land and Improvements	6 12	1 42	Clara Haggerty	Clara Oliena Haggerty
9	1	Finlayson Estate	Land and Improvements	14 53	3 40	W. H. Doscher	Henry W. Doscher
10	1	Finlayson Estate	Land and Improvements	14 53	3 40	W. H. Doscher	Henry W. Doscher
2	D	Work Estate	Land	9 18	2 12	Thos. Pamphlet	Thos. Pamphlet
3	D	Work Estate	Land and Improvements	9 18	2 12	Thos. Pamphlet	Thos. Pamphlet
9	34	Hillside Farm	Land	5 35	1 24	W. J. Cline	W. J. Cline
21	34	Hillside Farm	Land	5 35	1 24	A. B. McNeil	A. B. McNeil
			Totals	$194 03	$115 71		

Dated at City Hall, Victoria, B.C., City Collector's Office, December 12th, 1894.

CHAS. KENT,
Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

TRANSPORTATION.

CANADIAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.,
(LIMITED.)

TIME TABLE NO. 24,
Taking effect Sept. 1st, 1894.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock a.m.

Vancouver to Victoria daily, except Monday at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

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Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going east Monday.)

For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands and Sidney, Friday at 7 o'clock.

Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender Island and Sidney, Thursday at 7 o'clock.

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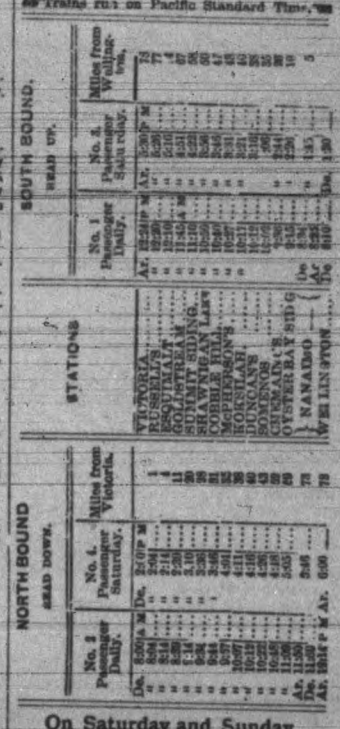
TIME TABLE NO. 21.

To take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, 1894.

All Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.



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Return Tickets will be issued between all points for a fare and a quarter good for return not later than Monday.

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No Return Tickets issued for a fare and a quarter where the single fare is twenty-five cents.

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intention, however, is to collect firmly but with discretion, dividing the amount into say five annual payments of 20 per cent. each. It should, of course, bring in at least $230,000 yearly, though, as you will see by the estimates, I have only put it down at $180,000. The arrears of taxes it is also the intention of the government to collect as far as possible before the 30th of June, 1896, at any rate. But even with this additon to our revenue it is still evident—owing to the general depression arising from circumstances which I have before mentioned and the large expenditure which was so much beyond our expectations of it owing to the disasters by flood—that it will be necessary for the government to raise a loan for carrying on the public works of the province, the proceeds of this loan to be devoted to the building of roads, bridges, trails, and other means of opening up communication between our settlers, enabling them to move their produce to market, and thus tending to promote their prosperity and indirectly through them increasing our provincial revenue. There is little doubt that the present is a favorable time for us to borrow. Our credit is first-class, and we shall probably get a high price for our securities. I wish, however, to state my conviction that we should not be afraid to make liberal expenditure for such public works as I have indicated. If we refer to the public accounts we can see the effects of the expenditure of the late loans in increasing our revenue. After the 1887 loan, owing largely to the development works carried on, the revenue went up rapidly, and the 1891 loan, as will be seen, tended to continue the increase. Leaving out the land sales we find that the revenue from 1888 to 1893 went up year by year as follows: $427,379 in 1888, then $555,137, $598,934, $715,449, $896,487, and in 1893, $841,012.

I need only to point to the trade of the province as it is to-day—its exports and imports—to show that there is a vast field for industry, energy and capital, that with these the wealth of the province is unlimited. Our exports last year amounted to $7,883,000; $3,521,543 being the products of the mines, $3,544,305 from the fisheries, $411,623 from the forest, and this in a year when the timber industry was greatly depressed. Our exports in a few years will no doubt amount to nearer $10,000,000 than $8,000,000, meaning work for the settler and profit for the investment of capitalists. Our imports in the same year were $5,320,615.

One of the gentlemen of the opposition complains that the province gets too high a price for its securities. He says that they are not worth 98 or 99—the price at which they are quoted and sold at in the London market; that this price arises from their being bolstered up by our investing our sinking funds in them, and that we have no business to let them stand at so high a price. It is, he says, dishonest to do so. Papers in relation to the sale of the Nakusp bonds were called for, and the letters (principally private ones) in connection with the whole of this transaction were placed in the hands of these gentlemen. When they had read them they dropped the charge against the sale of the Nakusp bonds, but said that the letters showed that our provincial bonds were very high, too high, in fact, and that this arose from our buying them up with our sinking funds. Now it is quite true that we invest our sinking funds in our own securities. This principle is provided for in the loan acts, and it is the one adopted by the Dominion and other borrowing countries. No doubt it has the effect of keeping up the price of our securities. It is intended to do so, and is a very proper method, as every cent invested in that way pays off so much of our debt at once. We send home annually about $50,000 as sinking fund for our loans, to be invested by trustees in the interest of holders of our securities. The amount so sent home is sufficient when invested and accumulated to pay off the loans at maturity. The trustees of our sinking funds—Mr. Thomas G. Gillespie and the Hon. Charles W. Mills of Glynn, Mills, Currie & Co.—are gentlemen of the highest standing in England. They look carefully after our funds and invest them to the best possible advantage in our own securities at the market price. About a year ago the purchases were made at 87 or 88. We were told this was too high, and yet now the same securities are worth 98 or 99. Let us glance at what this investing of the sinking funds in our own securities really means. Until two years ago the money sent home for paying off our debts was invested in Canadian, Australian or other bonds, the accruing interest being deposited and also invested in a similar way. These bonds and accumulations would be held until our loan became due, then the proceeds of them, with all the accumulated interest, would be paid over to the holders of our securities, thus paying off the debt. When we invest in our own securities instead of outsiders' we really, as I have said before, pay off so much of our own debt, but we do not cancel it, but hold on to the securities until maturity. When that time arrives we are the holders of these securities, and we pay the accumulated funds to ourselves. Of course the purchase every year by us of some $50,000 worth of our own loans must improve the value of the remaining portion, as it reduces yearly the amount that can be on the market for sale. The public accounts show that since the act was passed authorizing us to invest in our own funds we have so invested not only the amount remitted for sinking fund, but have also sold our Australian 4 per cents to the extent of 5,583 pounds and Canadian 4 per cents to the extent of 4100 pounds. We get for the former 101 7-8 and for the latter 105 1-2, the proceeds being invested in our own 3 per cents, bought at 86, so that for every 100 pounds of the Canadians sold we got over 122 pounds of our own 3 per cents—a very good arrangement, particularly when we consider that both of the securities sold had not a long life and must every year decline in value till maturity, when each bond we sold at 105 would only bring 100. We also sold in 1894 13,810 pounds of Canadian 3 per cents, getting for this an average of about 97; the proceeds were invested in our 3's at 91 3-4. "But," continued the hon. gentleman who complained of our 3 per cents being too high, "they must be inflated, because the Nakusp bonds, which bear 4 per cent. and are guaranteed by the government, principal and interest, brought only 106." Now this gentleman could hardly have considered the subject he was talking about. He should, and I think must have known that a guaranteed bond was not equal to the regular provincial security. He could see, too, in any financial paper, that other issues, though guaranteed principal and interest, do not rank on a par with the securities of the country that guarantees. This was fully illustrated by the 4 per cent. bonds recently issued by New Zealand, guaranteed, principal and interest, for fifty years. They sold at 101, whilst New Zealand 4 per cents are worth 109 to 110. The provincial securities are for fifty years. They are inscribed, thus being perfectly secure from loss, and they have sinking funds yearly invested which pay them off at maturity; whereas the Nakusp bonds are for twenty-five years only, this of itself making them of less value; they are not inscribed, and cannot be; they have no sinking fund, and beyond that cannot be invested in under an act authorizing investments in provincial securities. Another gentleman said that we assured the country that we should guarantee these bonds at only 3 1-2 per cent. interest, and we have shamefully deceived the country by making them 4 per cent. I think that gentleman hardly realized that as far as the province is concerned it is a good deal better off by guaranteeing 4 per cent than 3 1-2 per cent. It is true that the lower rate was what we intended to issue at, but the best advisers showed us that we should do much better at 4 per cent., and we soon found that at 3 1-2 per cent. we could only get 98, and the difference between that and 100 net would have to be made up by the province. On the other hand selling the 4 per cents at 106 enabled the excess over par to go to the provincial treasury. I may further add that 98 for 3 1-2 per cents is exactly equal to 106 for 4 per cents.; that is, they return to the investor the same rate of interest, about 3 pounds 12 shillings and 5 pence per 100 pounds, including redemption. Now as to the actual results of the sale of these bonds. The nominal value of them is 131,400 pounds—that is, 1314 of 100 pounds each. The net amount that we have received from the sale after paying all expenses is 136,501 pounds 13 shillings and 11 pence, thus netting just about 4 per cent. This is very different from what the hon. member for East Lillooet would have you believe. The junior member for Vancouver (Mr. Cotton) tried to make you believe that I had miscalculated for one year to the extent of $704,000. To arrive at this he took the indebtedness of the province one year and compared it with the next, when he found that in the last year it was $704,000 over the former. He entirely ignored the fact that during that year the loan was raised, having been sanctioned by the house, and it seems hardly necessary for me to say that if a sum of money is borrowed, to be paid in say fifty years, we shall owe the day after we borrow it just that amount more. The province owes for its loans, but it has valuable assets that have been created by these very loans. The junior member for Vancouver went on to say that when the government sold a million dollars' worth of land it got the money but diminished by that sale the assets of the province. I take issue with him there. I hold that just the reverse is the actual case. The land until sold is of little value as an asset, but as soon as it is sold it becomes a live asset. It then for the first time begins to bring in revenue. The hon. gentleman stated that the government has so wasted the revenue that there is not three cents in the dollar of revenue to expend on public works. And yet, strange to say, we find that in the six years up to June 30 last, the expenditure on public works of utility, exclusive of the parliament buildings, amounts to nearly $2,500,000. Now, as we had only three cents in the dollar, where did we get the money from? It will be seen that during that time we raised two loans, the net amount of which received by the province was about $1,600,000, so that after allowing for these loans and also for the overdraft, at least $120,000 a year has somehow or other been provided out of the revenue for public works, whereas three cents on the dollar would not give $20,000 a year for this purpose. The hon. gentleman got also confused as to the amount of the debt that had been converted. He said, and I take the report of his speech from his own paper: "The 1877 loan had only been converted to the extent of $10,000, and the 1887 loan to the extent of $28,000, so that neither of these could be claimed as having been used to absorb the moneys." Now, what are the actual facts concerning this? You can turn to the accounts before you and you will see that of the 1877 loan not $10,000 but £45,500, and of the 1887 loan £113,300 had been converted up to the 30th of June last! The hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Kidd), for whom I have very much respect, made some statements which I feel confident he would not have made had he reflected upon the subject. He remarked on the fact that in 1874 the revenue was $374,000, and the expenditure on roads, etc., was $290,000, whilst in 1893, the expenditure on roads, etc., was $262,000. If he refers to the accounts he will see that in 1874 over $100,000 of the amount mentioned was expended on the New Westminster and Hope road, the utility of which has since been much in question. He omitted, however, to say that in 1874 the expenditure on education was only $38,000, whilst in 1893 it was $190,000. He omitted also to notice that the expenditure in 1874 was 60 per cent. more than the total revenue; neither did he notice that in 1874 the cost of civil government and administration of justice, salaries, was $86,310 whilst the revenue raised in the province—that is after deducting Dominion subsidy, was only $142,444. The expenses in 1874, therefore, in proportion to revenue, were over 60 per cent., whilst in 1893, the revenue, after deducting subsidy, was $766,139, and the salaries for civil government and administration of justice amounted to $249,000 or less than 32 1-2 per cent. In other words the government is now run at about half the cost in proportion to revenue than it was in 1874. In this calculation I deduct the Dominion subsidy in both cases as that amount is a fixed one and would come in even if we had no employees and no expenses, being paid the province by the Dominion. One gentleman asserted that our debt per capita was $100 per head of population. It is an exaggeration on a par with the $704,000 before referred to. Twist our debt as that gentleman may he cannot make it more than $21 per head of population, and that without taking into consideration any value for our public works, which certainly are worth a good many millions, and also without estimating the capitalized value of our subsidies of $250,000 paid to us by the Dominion.

After referring to the depressions and deficits in other countries Hon. Mr. Turner closed by expressing his opinion that the province was on the road to prosperity.

At the conclusion of Hon. Mr. Turner's remarks Mr. Semlin moved in amendment "that the house do not go into committee of the whole until the abstract accounts of the time between July 1st and October 30th are before the house."

The speaker pointed out that if Mr. Semlin's motion was put that gentleman would lose his opportunity to speak on the estimates.

Mr. Semlin withdrew his resolution and moved the adjournment of the debate.

Several government members dissented from the proposal to adjourn the debate.

Mr. Cotton was asking why the government were afraid to adjourn the debate before all the information obtainable was before the house when he was interrupted by Dr. Walkem. Quite a lively time ensued, both members speaking at once, until the member for South Nanaimo was called to order.

The speaker thought that probably Mr. Semlin would lose his opportunity to speak on the estimates if he moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Semlin contended that when a member moved the adjournment of the debate he resumed the debate when it came up again.

Hon. Mr. Davie thought Mr. Semlin was right. He had no objection to the debate being adjourned.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the house.

Mr. McGregor introduced a bill to amend the Nanaimo Water Works act.

Mr. Rogers introduced a bill for the incorporation of the Victoria Hydraulic Mining company.

Mr. Cotton introduced a bill to amend the North Vancouver Electric company's incorporation act.

Mr. Hume introduced a bill to amend the Columbia & Kootenay Railway & Navigation company's act.

The legal professions bill passed through the final stages.

The house went into committee, Mr. Sword in the chair, to consider the mining bureau bill.

Mr. Cotton objected to the expenditure of a large sum for a building. Surely an office could be found in one of the present buildings for the bureau. The bureau should be established in the mining portion of the province.

Hon. Col. Baker said it was absolutely necessary to have the bureau of mines at headquarters, Victoria.

Mr. Cotton contended that the proper system was that followed in Ontario, where an expert collected information and reported, the reports being sent all over the province.

Hon. Col. Baker said it was the intention to have a man travel around and collect information, but it was also necessary to have a bureau where capitalists can see specimens of ore.

Mr. Semlin contended that prospectors would not come to Victoria to attend lectures, and therefore the lectures would not do the miners any good.

The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The house adjourned at 6 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Sword—That an order of the house be granted for a return showing the exact wording of the clauses in the leases granted to the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company and the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company, which purport to carry out the conditions in the acts relating to these companies that leases granted to them shall contain a covenant prohibiting the employment of Chinese or Japanese.

Mr. Sword—For a return giving a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of the Bella Coola colony.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT.

Mr. Williams—What is the value of work done and value of materials supplied to Frederick Adams under his contract re new parliament buildings as certified to by the architect; also amount paid to said Frederick Adams under the said contract?

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MUNICIPAL.

NOTICE.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m., for the purchase of certain property of the Corporation connected with the Electric Light Station, Yates street.

Each tender is to be accompanied by a certified cheque or cash for 15 per cent. of the amount of tender, and is to be submitted on the understanding that in the case of the acceptance of any tender, delivery of the property tendered for shall not take place, nor any interference with its use and enjoyment by the Corporation, until the new electric power house on Telegraph street shall have been completed and its machinery put in running order.

An inventory of the said property may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.,
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 13th, 1894.

NOTICE.

King's Road, between Douglas and First Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
December 14, 1894. dec14

NOTICE.

Fort Street, between Wharf and Langley Streets, is closed to public traffic till further notice.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.
Victoria, Dec. 12, 1894. dec13

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

The Leander Tepid Swimming Baths are now open again by F. J. Mesher. Donald F. McDonald has no connection with these baths whatever. Massage and Electric baths can be given as usual.

BILLS.

It is requested that all outstanding bills against the Board of School Trustees of Victoria City School District be presented at the office of the undersigned, 46 Fort St., not later than noon on Friday the 21st inst.

By order, B. WILLIAMS,
dec14-td Secretary.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between Charles Joseph Vancouver Spratt, Andrew Gray and Alexander Kenneth Munro, has been dissolved by effluxion of time, Mr. Munro retiring as from the 11th day of November, 1894.

The business of the late firm has been purchased by C. J. V. Spratt and Andrew Gray who assume all liabilities of the late firm, and to whom all the debts of the same must be paid. Mr. Andrew Gray assumes sole management.

C. J. V. SPRATT,
ANDREW GRAY,
d14-2w A. K. MUNRO.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MILLING AND MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED).

Assessment No. 25.

Notice is hereby given that an assessment of one cent per share has been levied upon the members of the above named company, payable at the company's office, No. 48 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on or before the 31st day of December, 1894, from and after which date all shares on which said call shall then remain unpaid shall be deemed delinquent, to be dealt with according to law. By order of the Board of Directors. Victoria, 1st December, 1894.

d4td GEO. A. SARGISON, Sec'y.

In the Matter of the Estate of David Bird, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to send particulars thereof to the undersigned before the 22nd day of December, 1894, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

YATES & JAY,
22 Bastion Street, Victoria,
d14-1w Solicitors for the Executor.

Quesnelle Quartz Mining Company, Ltd.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of the above company held on November 30th, 1894, an assessment of one fourth of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of said company payable forthwith to W. A. Johnston, secretary, at the companies' office, Quesnelle, B. C. Any stock upon which said assessment shall remain unpaid on the 15th day of January, 1895, shall be deemed delinquent and dealt with accordingly. By order of the Board of Directors.

W. A. JOHNSTON, Sec.
Quesnelle, B. C., Nov. 30th, 1894.
d7-6w-d&w

Land Registry Act.

Part (25x70 feet) of lot 102 Victoria City.—A certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above Hereditaments will be issued to Anna Pittock on the 19th day of January, 1895 unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C. 15th October, 1894. oct15-td

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John Coltart and Louis H. Jenns, under the firm name of Coltart & Jenns, 72 Government street, Victoria, has been dissolved from the 23rd day of November, 1894, by mutual consent, Mr. L. H. Jenns retiring from the said firm. The business of the Atlas Assurance Co., and the United Fire Insurance Co. will in future be carried on at 72 Government street by myself. All accounts due by the said firm of Coltart and Jenns will be settled on presentation to me, and all debts owing must be paid to me.

JOHN COLTART.
November 29, 1894. nov30-1m

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a Benefit Society to be called "The Canadian Order of Foresters," with its head office at the City of Brantford, Ontario, with power to insure the members thereof and to establish subordinate Courts of Foresters throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Dated at Brantford, the 26th day of November, A.D. 1894.

HARDY, WILKES & HARDY,
d11-0w Solicitors for Applicants.

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PLUMPER'S PASS.

Trustees Meeting—How the Government Land Office Does Its Work.

Plumper Pass, Dec. 17.—A special meeting of the board of trustees of the Mayne Island school district is convened for the 28th instant for the purpose of electing a trustee. Mr. H. Macklin, who has faithfully served as secretary to the board for a period of two years, has tendered his resignation owing to his change in locality. We are sorry to lose Mack, and the good wishes of every one go with him in his new venture. During his term of office the school has undergone great changes, and this is mainly due to his unerring zeal with which he handles everything he undertakes.

On Friday morning last, when the Princess Louise was at the wharf, a party of friends met Mr. Levan Cullison and presented him with a very handsome violin.

There is to be a large gathering in the school house on Mayne Island on the 24th instant, the occasion being a Christmas tree for the children and afterwards a dance for the adults.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is being shown by the jurymen, who were summoned to the recent inquest on the Saturna suicide Jap, owing to their not being allowed by the government their out of pocket expenses. The jurors who were sworn from Mayne Island and the neighboring Islands, were in the first place assembled at the wharf at 2 p.m., had to walk two miles across the island and full five miles to Saturna Island to view the body. They returned to the pass by the same route, where they arrived at 6 p.m., Supper was then partaken of at the Mayne Island Hotel, the inquest taking place after the meal. The evidence touching the sad death was then taken, and a few minutes after ten o'clock the jury was dismissed. It then being too late for the jurors living on adjacent islands to return to their homes, they consequently remained at the hotel, and the disallowing of these expenses is the outcome of the present trouble.

It seems a pity that the government land office cannot discharge its duties in a manner satisfactory to the public. Any difficulty that arises over the disputed possession of land is left in abeyance for a period of time, with the object of getting the dispatants to settle it among themselves, and thus free the department from any blame that might be attached by their making or giving their decision. An illustration of this may be given. A man pre-empted land some nine years ago and by some it is believed that he has not fulfilled the conditions required by the act. Under the circumstances the land has been lately recorded by a second party, and the usual fee paid into the office. Both parties are now informed that the matter cannot be disposed of until after the house is prorogued, thus causing a feud between the men. Each claims his right to the land. Bad feeling still exists and reached its height last week when party number two assumed full possession of the property and commenced to work on it, and it was only after No. 1 was driven off the place under the flourish of an axe that things resumed their former temperament. People now wonder how much longer the government intends letting this state of affairs exist?

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

News Received by Wire From All Parts of the World.

West Bay City, Mich., Dec. 18.—Another body has been taken from the ruins. The list of dead probably numbers seven.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Delegates representing 15,000 miners in Pittsburg district, are in session to-day. The impression is that the 45 cent rate proposed by the operators will be rejected.

New York, Dec. 18.—Commissioners' taxes have been given until December 31st to purge themselves of contempt in refusing to comply with writs obtained by Gould heirs asking for review assessments on Gould Estate.

AN ITALIAN SHOT.

Antonio Belli Shoots and Kills His Partner and then Surrenders.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 18.—Antonio Belli was deliberately murdered at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon by Natoli, who who fired three bullets into the body of his victim with little or no warning of his intended act. Natoli and the murdered man were formerly partners in vegetable gardening on Roberts island. Natoli furnished all the money and did most of the work. Some months or more ago they split, and Belli succeeded in getting hold of most of what little money was coming to them. He refused to give Natoli any satisfaction and many times refused to give either money or sign any paper to show that Natoli furnished money and did work. This noon Belli had eaten his dinner in an Italian restaurant and had just stepped out on the sidewalk when Natoli approached. A repetition of the same old trouble occurred, and on Belli refusing to make any settlement or give Belli any paper to show for the money expended and the labor done, the latter pulled out a revolver and fired three shots at Belli, the three bullets taking effect. Belli sank on the sidewalk dead, and Natoli hastened to give himself up to the police, who were quickly on the ground. Natoli was taken to jail and locked up. It is said he has been in similar trouble before and that other dead men could have tales to tell of his passion. Both are Italians and Belli was about 45 years old.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

The Shuffle That Premier Bowell Will Probably Make.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Hon. Mackenzie Bowell met all the ministers of the old cabinet to-day in turn. He commenced seeing them early this afternoon and had interviews with all of them before 2 o'clock. Besides the ministers who held portfolios he also saw Sir Frank Smith and Sir John Carling. It would now appear that Patterson is to remain in the cabinet and that Tupper is to be made minister of justice. This would call him away from the fisheries department, where he has been in bad odor all over the Dominion. It would also be promotion. By taking in Kenny, of Halifax, and giving him the marine and fisheries department that would make the cabinet complete. The controllers and solicitor-general would remain as they are. That is how matters look now.

AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Currency Bill Under Discussion—The Nicaragua Canal Bill.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In the house to-day the consideration of the currency bill began in committee of the whole. Walker gave notice that he would offer a substitute for the bill. Springer asked the unanimous consent that the general debate be closed on Saturday next and the members have leave to print their speeches in full. This was objected to. Springer began the discussion.

In the senate a bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars to supply urgent deficiencies for public printing and binding was passed.

Dolph reported back adversely to the house the bill relating to the forfeiture of the railroad lands in cases where the road was not completed at the time fixed by the grant. Report placed upon the calendar.

Hill called up the cloture resolution and is addressing the senate thereon.

Hill was followed with Hoar, who agreed with Hill that the rules should be changed. The resolution went over.

The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up. At the conclusion of Springer's remarks on the currency bill Walker took the floor in opposition.

Law Intelligence.

Mr. Justice Walkem disposed of the following applications in chambers this morning:

Turner, Beeton & Co. v. Price Salmon Co.—Application of plaintiffs for commission to examine plaintiff's witnesses in Liverpool. Order refused with costs. P. AE. Irving for defendants, C. White (Eberts & Taylor) for plaintiffs.

Rogers v. Hurst.—Order made for payment out to H. Hurst of $484.15, expended by her on maintenance of infant.

Brief Locals.

—Gibson's choice English confectionery at Bowes' drug store, 27 Johnson street.

—An interesting programme has been drawn up for the K. of P. social in Pythian Hall, Wednesday evening.

—Several sealing crews signed this afternoon. A number of the sealers will get away the beginning of the year.

—There has been nothing decided upon regarding the Portland (the old Haytien Republic). A meeting of those interested will be held this evening when action will probably be taken.

—At the sacred concert to be given by St. Andrew's Presbyterian church choir, Wednesday, the 26th instant, the cantata "Daniel" will be produced. An organ recital and vocal and instrumental music will form part of the programme.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

YACHTING.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE.

London, Dec. 18.—Capt. Cranfield said today, from the present outlook there would be no race for America's cup.

The St. James' Gazette says it may be concluded that the international yacht race is off and blames the New York Yacht club for reopening the question of holding the cup, which, it says, was settled by the terms of last year's contest.

Lord Dunraven stated to-day that the conditions laid down in the telegram of the New York Yacht club made a race impossible.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer George E. Starr from the Sound—J B Larsson, Mrs Munger, D Campbell, V W Mitchell, J A Brown, W S Burkett, Val Buckner, W S Buckett, F M Pugh, J R Levison, E B Root, A J Berner, J C McNeil.

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Per steamer George E. Starr from the Sound—P R Smith, Schl Hastie Furniture Co, W Cressell, S M Boper, Weeks & Robson.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

Further Contributions to the Times Xmas Fund.

From present indications the good people of Victoria are determined that all who dwell within the city will have a right jolly Christmas.

The Times has reason to feel gratified at the success which has already met its efforts at providing good cheer at the coming festive season. A number of contributions were received to-day, and many more are promised.

The list to date is as follows:

Amount previously acknowledged	$147 50
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H. R.	2 50
E. M.	1 50
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PERSONAL.

R. Grant, jr., Comox, is in the city.

Aulay Morrison, Westminster, is in the city.

M. Rugh, Spokane, is registered at the Driard.

A. G. Spexarth, Astoria, is at the Hotel Victoria.

W. B. Skinner, Ladner's came to town last night.

E. B. Root, J. B. Lerison, San Francisco, are at the Driard.

Rev. C. E. Cooper, Wellington, is staying at the New England.

W. Thoburn, Nanaimo, registered at the New England last night.

J. A. McGregor, E. W. Calhoun, Ladners' are guests at the Oriental.

C. H. Shubble and wife, Thrall, Wash., are staying at the Hotel Victoria.

E. W. Bradley, deputy city clerk, is quite ill and is quite unable to leave his bed.

Mr. James Ramsay, of Ramsay Brothers, wholesale confectioners, Vancouver, is staying at the Wilson.

Geo. B. Kenniston, judge of the probate and insolvent court of Lincoln county, Maine, is in the city and is at the Driard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next sitting, to be held in the month of March next, for a transfer to William Carr Burns of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Mirror Saloon, situate at the corner of Yates and Broad streets, in the City of Victoria.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1894.

ROBERT DUDGEON.

d18-1m.

TO-MORROW NIGHT!

Wednesday, Dec. 19th,

The James Bay Athletic Association

CONCERT

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Concert commences at 8 o'clock sharp.

Postponed Sale

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SALE at their Mart, No. 88 Johnson St., of First-class FURNITURE, &c, is postponed till TO-MORROW, Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1.30 p.m.

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NANAIMO NEWS.

Judge Harrison Enquiring Into the Conduct of Magistrate Planta.

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—Judge Harrison received the commission yesterday to hold an enquiry into the conduct of M. J. P. Planta as police magistrate and police commissioner. The enquiry will cover several years' which time he has held the positions. The enquiry is set for Friday next.

Thomas Wellaby, a miner, of Wellington, appeared before Magistrate Inata yesterday charged with infringing the Miners' Regulation Act. Mr. A. Dick prosecuted. The defendant admitted the charge and was fined $10 and $5 costs. Another miner who was charged with a similar offence proved an alibi and was allowed to go free.

Ah Long preferred a charge of assault against Sydney Peck before the magistrate. Ah Long in his evidence complains that Peck assaulted him without provocation. This the defendant denied through his solicitor and the case was further adourned until Wednesday.

Last night the celebration of the re-opening of the Haliburton street Methodist church took place with great rejoicing. Dr. McKechnie occupied the chair and uttered a few pleasant remarks concerning the rapid growth of the congregation. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through and was apparently enjoyed by the large audience.

A number of miners who have been out of employment for the past few months were found places in Protection Island shaft. There are still quite a number idle and the number will be further augmented next month, so that the supply of labor is greater than the demand.

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Allan Line, Laurentian	Jan. 15
Allan Line, Numidian	Feb. 2
Dominion Line, Labrador	Jan. 1
Dominion Line, Vancouver	Jan. 24
Dominion Line, Oregon	Feb. 2

From New York.

Cunard Line, Lucania	Dec. 29
Cunard Line, Etruria	Jan. 5
American Line, Berlin	Dec 26
American Line, New York	Jan. 2
White Star Line, Majestic	Jan. 2
White Star Line, Adriatic	Jan. 9
North Ger. Lloyd, Ems	Jan. 1
North Ger. Lloyd, Trave	Jan. 8
Anchor Line, Ethiopia	Dec. 29
Anchor Line, Furnessia	Jan. 5
Red Star Line, Friesland	Dec. 26
Red Star Line, Rhynland	Jan. 2
Allan State Line, Peruvian	Dec. 27

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